

Town of Bedford Finance Committee

Remote Meeting - Zoom

April 14, 2022

Minutes

Finance Committee Members in attendance: Stephen Carluccio (Chair), Elizabeth McClung, Paul Mortenson, David Powell, Stephen Steele, Karen Dunn, Ben Thomas, Erica Liu

Others in attendance: None

Chair Carluccio called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Reads Remote Meeting Guidelines.

Calls the Roll of Committee Members in attendance.

Noted for the record that the meeting is being recorded by Bedford TV

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Public Comment

None

2. Review/ Approve Minutes

Meeting on December 9, 2021

Motion to approve by Member Powell

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion carries

Meeting on January 6, 2022

Motion to approve by Member Powell

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion carries

Meeting on January 13, 2022

Motion to approve by Member Powell

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion carries

Meeting on March 28, 2022

Motion to approve by Member Powell

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion carries

3. Committee Reorganization

Chair Carluccio notes that it is his understanding that usually after Annual Town Meeting and Town Elections the Committee will reorganize for the next year. He also expresses his thanks to all for the work done this past year

Chair Carluccio expresses his willingness to serve as Chair for one more year.

Motion by Member Steele that Chair Carluccio remain as Committee Chair for the next fiscal year.

Second by Member Powell

Chair Carluccio asks for any discussion.

Member McClung states that Chair Carluccio has done an excellent job this past year which was a challenging one.

Member Steele agrees.

Member Mortenson agrees. Also states that he believes that meetings between the Chair and Vice Chair with town officials should be noticed as a sub-committee meeting. Or, anyone else on the Committee should be able to be present.

Roll call of Members in attendance.

Vote: 5-2-1

Motion carries

Motion by Member Steele that Member McClung remain as Vice Chair for the next fiscal year.

Second by Member Powell

Member Dunn expresses her thanks to Member McClung for her work this past year.

Member Liu notes her thanks and appreciation.

Member Clung indicates her willingness to continue to serve as Vice Chair.

Roll call of Members in Attendance

Vote: 5-2-1

Motion carries

Member Steele nominates Member Dunn to continue as Secretary for the next fiscal year.

Second by Member McClung

Member Dunn asks if any other Member would be interested in serving in this post. No one responds. Member Dunn agrees to continue for this next year.

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 7-0-1

Motion carries

4. Review/Discussion/Reflection Annual Town Meeting

Chair Carluccio notes that this Agenda Item is simply meant to provide an open mike for any comments by Members with respect to the recently concluded Town Meeting.

Member Powell notes that he liked the positioning of the microphone in front of the Finance table. Saved time. Also discusses bonding issues. Needs better explanation.

Member Mortenson discusses the Capital Article and what was included including bike path.

Member Steele recommends that we look again at how department due dates are determined. Things seemed rushed.

Member Dunn pleased with turnout. Disappointed with vote on the bike path.

Member McClung discusses feeling that more information should have been made available earlier on some matters. Feels that a lot of things were inadequately handled prior to the Meeting.

Member Powell comments that the slides shown were often a waste of time since the printing was too difficult to read. Way too small.

Chair Carluccio provides comments concerning his feelings about turn out and how it was done.

II. RECURRING BUSINESS

1. Meetings Attended

Member Thomas discusses Select Board meeting. Not much financial.

2. Open Discussion re: Future Agenda Items/ New Business / Old Business

Chair Carluccio discusses plans to discuss water and sewer rates. Probably mid-May.

Member Powell announces that he is resigning effective immediately. This is his last meeting.

Member McClung states that it has been a pleasure having Member Powell on the Committee.

Member Dunn thanks Member Powell for always being so gracious.

Members express their thanks to Member Powell for all his efforts.

Motion to adjourn by Member Powell

Second by Member Steele

Roll call of Members in attendance

Vote: 8-0-0

Time: 8:26 PM

DOCUMENT LIST

Agenda for April 14, 2022 Meeting

Draft Minutes for Finance Committee meetings on December 9, 2021, January 6, 2022, January 13, 2022 and March 26, 2022

